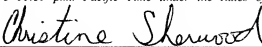


PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
FROM THE OFFICE ACTION**

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Applicant : Lutz Biedermann Confirmation No. 7913  
Application No. : 10/799,143  
Filed : March 11, 2004  
Title : ANCHORING ELEMENT FOR USE IN SPINE OR BONE SURGERY,  
METHODS FOR USE AND PRODUCTION THEREOF  
  
Grp./Div. : 3733  
Examiner : Mary C. Hoffman  
  
Docket No. : 56717/B884

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Commissioner:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the Office action dated January 7, 2009 for two month(s) from April 7, 2009 to June 7, 2009 (Sunday).

The fee for extension of time required by 37 CFR § 1.17 is calculated below.

FEE CALCULATION			
LENGTH OF EXTENSION	SMALL ENTITY	LARGE ENTITY	FEE
WITHIN FIRST MONTH	\$ 65.00	\$ 130.00	\$
WITHIN SECOND MONTH	\$ 245.00	\$ 490.00	\$490.00
WITHIN THIRD MONTH	\$ 555.00	\$1,110.00	\$
WITHIN FOURTH MONTH	\$ 865.00	\$1,730.00	\$
WITHIN FIFTH MONTH	\$1,175.00	\$2,350.00	\$

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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